



2005 - 2006 Annual Report



The Conservation District of Southern Nevada (CDSN) is a subdivision of State government dedicated to natural resource conservation in Clark County, Nevada. Our mission is to provide leadership in identifying and meeting the resource conservation needs for citizens of both rural and urban areas within Clark County by providing technical services, education, information, planning assistance and coordination of services. All programs of the CDSN are offered on a free, nondiscriminatory basis.

The CDSN is administered by a Board of seven volunteer Supervisors; five elected, one appointed to represent the Incorporated Cities of Clark County, and one appointed to represent Clark County.

For more information, visit the Conservation District of Southern Nevada website at www.cdsn.org

Board of Supervisors

Jodi Bechtel, Chair, Clark County Rep.
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2005 - 2006 Staff

Wilisha Daniels, District Coordinator
Jennifer Szwejbka, Conservation Technician
Gretchen Huie, Conservation Technician
Kim Vilt, Grant Administrator

2005 - 2006 GOALS & OBJECTIVES

OBJECTIVE 1: Provide for district administrative and operational activities

GOAL A: Pursue funding from federal, state, and local governments.

GOAL B: Ensure the District is fulfilling the requirements of NRS 548 through its program and practices.

GOAL C: Employ staff and designate committees to provide services needed to achieve CDSN mission.

GOAL D: Market Conservation District efforts through public outreach.

OBJECTIVE 2: Promote environmental education programs

GOAL: Participate in community environmental education programs.

OBJECTIVE 3: Assist in the development and implementation of conservation plans and programs

GOAL A: Assist community partners in developing, managing, and promoting environmental plans, programs, and demonstration projects.

GOAL B: Support the NRCS and other federal agencies in their efforts to assist landowners with conservation needs and meeting federal provisions.

OBJECTIVE 4: Build, promote, and facilitate partnerships among stakeholders

GOAL: Maintain and enhance public and private partnerships and assist with the environmental efforts of grassroots organizations, local businesses, and the general public.

2005 - 2006 CONSERVATION PROJECTS



The Student-to-Student Program with the Global Lab Students at Silverado High School is still going strong. The partnership between CDSN, Department of Air Quality and Environmental Management (DAQEM) and the students has been tremendously successful over the past 2 years. The students have presented the “Help Keep Our Air Clean” message to over 1,200 kids to date, and expect to double those numbers during the 2006-2007 school year. The program has been recognized by the EPA, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) and the Clark County Commissioners.



CDSN was pleased to host the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts’ annual meeting November 8 - 9, 2006. Over 75 conservation district board and staff members from throughout the state gathered in Mesquite to discuss local and federal legislation affecting natural resource efforts in Nevada. As host, CDSN helped plan the conference including event speakers and a tour of conservation projects in the area.



The Clark County Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) implemented several new projects including a Water Quality Improvement grant funded by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service to remove approximately 14 acres of tamarisk at Valley of Fire State Park. Additional projects included work with the City of Henderson’s Project Green in Pittman Wash, a Pulling Together Initiative grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, creation of an invasive weed educational film, and a grant from the High Desert RC&D for tamarisk removal in the Wetlands Park.



The District is working on two water conservation projects funded by the Bureau of Reclamation. Both projects focus on conserving water in landscape irrigation.



CDSN is nearing completion of two projects at Moapa Valley High School’s Agricultural Farm. Funded by the EPA’s Waste Management Program, a strawbale classroom will demonstrate sustainable design and architecture to the community. Surrounding desert gardens, funded by Clark County’s DAQEM, will showcase appropriate plant choices for water savings and attractive landscapes.



CDSN completed two grant projects benefitting the Wetlands Park’s Ducks Unlimited Nature Preserve Expansion. The District also managed a successful clean-up project, weed removal contract with the Nevada Conservation Corps and a mesquite planting in Duck Creek. Additional grant funding was awarded to the District for new weed removal and planting projects at the Park.



A successful recycling project was completed in partnership with the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection’s Recycling Program. The project involved classroom presentations to elementary classrooms and the creation of a composting demonstration project. Several educational products were developed as a result of the project.



CDSN attended a number of community outreach events this year, including the Clark County Fair, Southern Nevada Water Authority’s Day With the Experts and UNLV’s Earth Day fair. Such events allow staff and supervisors to interact with the public and share educational information including our new Environmental Activity Guide for Kids, annual Conservation Calendar and Composting ABCs poster.

2005 - 2006 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

INCOME

a. Wells Fargo Checking Account	
City of Henderson	\$10,000.00
City of North Las Vegas	\$10,000.00
Clark County (CC) Community Grant	\$49,352.71
CC Dept. of Air Quality & Environmental Mgmt.	
Air Quality Program	\$69,916.67
Moapa Community Gardens	\$777.24
NFWF - Wetlands Park Southward Expansion	\$100,000.00
NV Division of Environmental Protection - Wetlands Park	\$77,994.35
CC Wetlands Park	\$230,138.54
Bureau of Reclamation - Irrigation Demonstration	\$58,005.76
Compost Bin Retail Program	\$395.00
Environmental Protection Agency - Strawbale Classroom	\$5,790.53
High Desert RC&D	\$3,335.69
Interest Receipts from Wells Fargo Checking Account	\$98.83
Las Vegas Valley Water District	\$7,946.71
NFWF - Pulling Together Initiative	\$18,750.00
NV Association of Conservation Districts - Conference	\$100.00
NV Div. of Environmental Protection - Recycling Program	\$431.11
NV Div. of Forestry	\$4,466.00
State of Nevada	\$5,000.00
State of Nevada - CWMA Project	\$10,000.00
USDA- Valley of Fire Tamarisk Removal	\$10,000.00
Volunteer Program Donations	\$125.00
Wells Fargo Account Credit/Reimbursement	\$9,557.62
Total Checking Account	\$682,181.76
b. Dean Witter Account Interest Receipts	\$5,741.72
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$687,923.48

RECEIPTS

Air Quality Outreach Promotions	\$12,163.11
Bank Fees	\$50.00
Centennial Project	\$470.84
Christmas Tree Recycling Project	\$350.00
CC Wetlands Park	\$413,322.03
CC Weed Management Assoc.	\$16,834.65
Compost Bin Retail Program	\$28.00
Conferences	\$1,402.87
E-mail & Website	\$528.75
Employee Expenses	\$121,442.51
Equipment Maintenance & Purchase	\$6,269.63
BOR - Irrigation Demonstration	\$57,505.76
Membership Fees (NACD)	\$775.00
Membership Fees (NvACD)	\$600.00
Membership Fees (RC&D)	\$200.00
Membership Fees (Sam's Club)	\$70.00
NvACD Conference	\$1,405.00
Office Supplies	\$2,373.45
Petty Cash	\$75.00
Postage	\$541.26
Printing and Promotions	\$2,587.44
Straw Bale Building Project	\$17,735.07
Storage	\$1,474.50
Telephone	\$462.68
Training	\$450.00
Travel/Mileage	\$3,276.43
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$662,393.98



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